

Leominster Sept 2nd/54.

Dear Mr Parker,

We need a circular relative to the formation of a Vigilance Committee in our town, which should have been responded to before this - we have handed the circular to those who take a lively interest in the fugitive - & will render such aid as may be required - Still they do not feel moved to organise as a committee. Husband bids me say, that we wish to be considered ^{aid} as a standing committee for the of fugitives, under any & all circumstances - (we had the honor of sheltering Thaddeus while his pursuers were searching for him) In order to awaken a suitable interest in the minds of the public - we propose to have a lecture on the subject the 20th of this month, ^{at 4 1/2 o'clock P.M.} it being our Annual Agricultural Fair during the day, & many people from the neighboring towns will be present who will gladly avail themselves of such an opportunity.

If it is convenient & agreeable to you to lecture for us on that day - we shall be happy to have you do so. relying on an admission fee for your compensation. Pardon my repeated solicitations - I own I am very desirous our people ~~should~~ have you. If the day named is not convenient - a later day will be acceptable. Please call on J. Drake. Yours - James H. Drake



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